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If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 19 and 20.

Identification of prior art discussed: DE10108493.

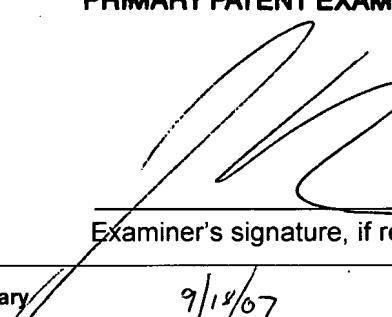
Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The examiner and applicant's representative discussed the proposed amendment (attached). The examiner agreed that the amendment appears to overcome the rejection of the claims by DE10108493 and that a further search of the prior art would be undertaken.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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In re: Serial No.: 10/663,333 Appln. of: Klaus OBENDIEK et al.
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY IN
TELEPHONE INTERVIEW SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 18, 2007 AT 10:00AM**

Claim 19 (proposed amendment): A convertible vehicle top, comprising:

- a first roof part;
- a second roof part adjoining the first roof part in a closed position of the top;
- an upper link mechanism; and
- a link pivotably connected to the first roof part by a hinge being directly provided at the first roof part so that the link and the first roof part are capable of rotating relative to each other, and wherein the upper link mechanism is disposed between the link and the second roof part so as to connect the link to the second roof part, wherein said first roof part is a middle roof part of the convertible vehicle top and the second roof part is a front roof part of the convertible vehicle top.

Claim 20 (proposed amendment): A convertible vehicle top, comprising:

- a first roof part;
- a second roof part adjoining the first roof part in a closed position of the top;
- an upper link mechanism; and
- a link pivotably connected to the first roof part by a hinge being directly provided at the first roof part so that the link and the first roof part are capable of rotating relative to each other, and wherein the upper link mechanism is disposed between the link and the second roof part so as to connect the link to the second roof part, wherein said upper link mechanism forms part of a four-bar linkage including a first connecting link and a second connecting link, said first connecting link and said second connecting link being each pivotably connected to said second roof part and to said link.